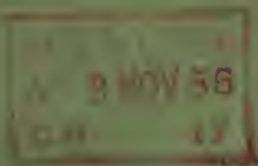


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BOROUGH OF ALTRINCHAM

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Including the Report of the

CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 1955



PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

Councillor E. Ormerod - Chairman
Councillor R.S. Watson - Vice Chairman

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Altrincham.

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G. Harmer,
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F. Marsland,
A. Vesey,
J. L. Warren,
J. W. Yarwood.

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OFFICIALS.

D. Longbottom, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. - Medical Officer of Health.
J. E. Crickmore, C.R.S.I. - Chief Sanitary Inspector.
(Retired 31.3.1955)
K. Ashley, M.S.I.A., C.S.I.B. - Chief Sanitary Inspector and
Chief Cleansing Superintendent.
M. Dickinson, A.R.S.H., M.S.I.A. - First Additional Sanitary
Inspector.
N. Baylis, C.S.I.B. - Additional Sanitary Inspector.
(Resigned 22.9.1955)
R. Vaughan, M.R.S.H., M.S.I.A. - Additional Sanitary Inspector.
Mrs. C. B. Hargreaves - Clerk.

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Public Health Department,
16 Market Street,
Altrincham.

The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors
of the Borough of Altrincham.

Your Worship, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting to you the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year ending 31st December, 1955.

Comments on the vital statistics are made in the appropriate parts of the report.

I again include a small appendix giving a brief list of many of the services connected with the National Health Service and the Welfare and Children's section of the County Council.

At the end of March, Mr. J. E. Crickmore retired from the post of Chief Sanitary Inspector, which he had held for 40 years.

During this period the Borough has had the good services of a most loyal and conscientious Officer. Whilst I have only been associated with Mr. Crickmore during his latter years of service I have had ample opportunity to appreciate that he has been a man of first-rate ability in his own sphere of work, aided by a wide maturity of judgement. He has been a great help to me personally, and I could not have wished to work alongside a more able Officer.

Mr. K. Ashley was appointed Chief Sanitary Inspector. He has served the Borough for 32 years and has thus been able to take over from Mr. Crickmore with a minimum of upset.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

DONALD LONGBOTTOM,

Medical Officer of Health.



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GENERAL FEATURES OF THE BOROUGH

The Borough is situated in the northern part of Mid-Cheshire, 8 miles south of Manchester.

The total population in accordance with the Registrar General's Estimate is 40,300.

There is a considerable industrial area containing several large engineering works of world wide repute, and a number of smaller concerns and factories, providing employment for approximately 17,000.

A fair proportion of the population is residential, with business interests in Manchester, Salford and other towns.

The main shopping centre and public market provide facilities for a large number of people from adjoining districts.

The public market is held on Tuesday and Saturday of each week and is well patronised by shoppers from a very wide area.

The Municipality provides Public Libraries and Public Swimming Baths. There is an 18 hole Municipal Golf Course, Tennis Courts, Recreation Grounds all of which provide wide open spaces in the Borough.

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GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area of District	- 3,476
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1955)	-13,145
Rateable Value (31st March, 1956)	-£333,478
Product of a penny rate (at 31/3/56)	-£1,324 1s. 5d.
Registrar General's Estimate of Population	-40,300

VITAL STATISTICS.

	<u>1955</u>	<u>1954 COMPARISON.</u>
Birth Rate per 1,000 living,	14.0	13.7
Standardised Birth Rate,	14.2	14.3
General Birth Rate (England & Wales),	15.0	15.2
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 living,	11.1	11.2
Standardised Death Rate,	11.3	11.3
General Death Rate (England & Wales),	11.7	11.3
Deaths under 1 yr. in proportion to 1,000 Births,	12.7	27.3
Deaths under 1 yr. in proportion to 1,000 Births (England and Wales),	24.9	25.5
Deaths from cancer,	76	95
Deaths from Tuberculosis,	2	4
Deaths from Poliomyelitis,	0	0
Deaths from Meningococcal Meningitis,	1	0
Deaths from other infectious diseases,	1	0
Number of women dying in or in consequence of childbirth	0	0
Total number of deaths from all causes,	450	445
Total number of births (Corrected for outward and inward transfers)	565	550

The population figures given are home population, and the births and deaths rates are based on this population. The standardised births and deaths rates are arrived at after allowing for the age and sex distribution of the population, giving a fairer basis for comparison with those of other areas.

TABLE I.
Live Births.

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>1955 Total</u>	<u>Comparison 1954 Total</u>
Legitimate Births,	295	256	551	531
Illegitimate,	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>19</u>
Totals,	<u>302</u>	<u>263</u>	<u>565</u>	<u>550</u>

TABLE II.
Still Births.

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>1955 Total</u>	<u>Comparison 1954 Total</u>
Legitimate Births,	7	9	16	17
Illegitimate,	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
Totals,	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>19</u>

TABLE III.
Deaths of Infants under 1 Year of Age.

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>1955 Total</u>	<u>Comparison 1954 Total</u>
Legitimate,	6	1	7	13
Illegitimate,	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>
Totals,	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>15</u>

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of Age.

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>1955 Total</u>	<u>Comparison 1954 Total</u>
Legitimate,	4	0	4	9
Illegitimate,	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
Totals,	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>10</u>

Causes of Deaths of Infants 4 weeks to 1 Year of Age.

Bronchial Pneumonia	2
Meningitis	1

Causes of Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of Age.

Atelectasis (Pulmonary)	1
Subarachnoid Haemorrhage	1
Prematurity	2

The total number of live births registered is 565, which shows an increase on that of 1954 by 15.

There were 7 deaths in infants under the age of 1 year; 4 of these occurring during the first four weeks of life. This gives an infant mortality rate of 12.7 per thousand, which is well below the average of recent years, as is shown in Table 12.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

TABLE V.

Diseases Notified under Acts and Order during 1955.

<u>Notifiable Diseases.</u>	<u>Number of Cases Notified during 1955</u>	<u>Comparison 1954</u>
Measles,	690	213
Diphtheria (including Membranous Croup),	0	0
Erysipelas,	2	5
Scarlet Fever,	3	38
Whooping Cough,	13	142
Puerperal Pyrexia,	1	1
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis,	0	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum,	0	0
Pulmonary Tuberculosis,	20	26
Other Forms of Tuberculosis,	4	2
Pneumonia,	6	15
Chicken Pox,	0	0
Poliomyelitis,	3	3
Food Poisoning,	0	0
Acute Polioencephalitis,	0	0
Encephalitis Lethargica,	0	0
Dysentery,	2	1
Meningococcal Infection,	1	0
Gastro Enteritis,	1	0
Total	<u>746</u>	<u>446</u>

TABLE VI.

Summary of Infectious Diseases other than Tuberculosis.

Age in years.	0/1	1/2	2/5	5/10	10/15	15/25	25/45	45/65	65 & Over	Age Unknown	Total
Measles,	16	141	172	339	9	4	4			5	690
Erysipelas,								1	1		2
Scarlet Fever,			1	1	1						3
Whooping Cough,	3	2	2	6							13
Puerperal Pyrexia,							1				1
Pneumonia,			1					2	3		6
Dysentery,			2								2
Poliomyelitis,				2	1						3
Gastro Enteritis,	1										1
Meningococcal Infection,	1										1

TABLE VII.

Summary of Notifications received and Deaths due to Diphtheria during the years 1931 to 1955.

Year	Notified Cases	Total Deaths
1931/1940	Average per year 29	15
1941/1952	Total cases 8	0
1953	" " 1	0
1954	" " 0	0
1955	" " 0	0

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Diphtheria.

There were no cases of diphtheria notified. The continued absence of this disease from our community must be attributed to the immunisation campaign. In this area, a minimum of 70% of children under the age of 5 years are protected. Table VII clearly illustrates the improvement that has occurred since immunisation commenced in 1940.

Measles.

The large number of cases of measles notified occurred during the first few months of the year and were the major part of the 1954/5 winter outbreak. There were no deaths directly attributable to the disease.

Whooping Cough.

Only 13 cases of whooping cough were notified during the year. It will be interesting to see whether the number remains as low as this in future years following on the whooping cough immunisation in this area. Some 60% of the child population under the age of 5 years is now immunised against this disease.

Poliomyelitis.

There were three cases notified during the year. These cases occurred in different parts of the Borough and were not directly connected or associated with any outbreak in neighbouring county districts.

Food Poisoning.

There were no cases of food poisoning notified during the year.

Public Health Act, Sec. 172.

The Borough Council obtained a renewal of the Order on a person suffering from infectious pulmonary tuberculosis on two 3-monthly intervals. The Order was finally allowed to lapse as the person concerned, following two years in Sanatorium, necessitating medical and surgical treatment, made such progress as to be considered to be non-infectious. This was a most satisfactory ending to this difficult problem.

Tuberculosis.

There was a decrease in the number of cases notified from 28 - 24. There were only two deaths. This year and 1951 are the only occasions when such a low mortality figure has been recorded, though it will also be noted from the

following table that the mortality from this disease has been considerably reduced since 1950.

TABLE VIII.

Number of Cases of Tuberculosis Notified during
the year ended 31st December, 1955.

Age Periods	Respiratory		Non Respiratory	
	Males	Females	Males	Females
0 - 1	1			
1 - 5				
5 -15		1		
15 -25	3	2		
25 -35	3	5	1	2
35 -45			1	
45 -55	5	2		
55 -65				
65 & over				
Total	12	8	2	2

TABLE IX.

Deaths from Tuberculosis Registered during
the year ended 31st December, 1955

Age Periods.	Respiratory	
	Males.	Females.
25 - 35	1	1
Total	1	1

The table below shows the change in the number of cases of Tuberculosis notified :-

Deaths from Tuberculosis from 1945 to 1950 - Average = 15 per year.

1951	2
52	11
53	4
54	4
55	2
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	23
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TABLE X.

Deaths Registered During the Calendar Year 1955
and causes.

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>1954 Comparison.</u>
Tuberculosis, Respiratory,	1	1	2	4
Tuberculosis, Other,	0	0	0	0
Syphilitic disease,	1	0	1	2
Diphtheria,	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough,	9	0	0	0
Meningococcal Infections,	1	0	1	0
Acute Poliomyelitis,	0	0	0	0
Measles,	0	0	0	0
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases,	0	0	0	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach,	6	11	17	17
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung Bronchus,	13	1	14	21
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast,	0	8	8	9
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus,	0	1	1	5
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	22	13	35	42
Leukaemia, aleukaemia,	0	1	1	1
Diabetes,	0	3	3	1
Vascular Lesions of nervous system,	33	46	79	83
Coronary Diseases, Angina,	37	12	39	44
Hypertension with heart disease,	4	12	16	7
Other heart disease,	27	40	67	82
Other circulatory disease,	10	13	23	17
Influenza,	2	0	2	1
Pneumonia,	5	11	16	13
Bronchitis,	21	9	30	22
Other Diseases of Respiratory System,	8	1	9	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum,	2	1	3	3
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea,	0	1	1	4
Nephritis and nephrosis,	1	1	2	7
Hyperplasia of prostate,	11	0	11	2
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion,	0	0	0	0
Congenital malformations,	0	0	0	4
Other defined and ill-defined diseases,	17	24	41	41
Motor vehicle accidents,	2	2	4	3
All other accidents,	6	5	11	4
Suicide,	2	1	3	3
Homicide, and operations of war,	0	0	0	0
	<u>232</u>	<u>218</u>	<u>450</u>	<u>445</u>

TABLE XI.

Deaths.

The rate remains low and the large preponderance of deaths can be seen to be attributable to cancer and diseases of the circulatory system.

These are of course diseases associated with the older age group of the population.

As more people are surviving through to old age we must expect these conditions to preponderate.

TABLE XII.

BOROUGH OF ALTRINCHAM.Vital Statistics of Whole District During 1955 and Previous Years.

Year	Population	Births		Deaths			
		Total	Rate per 1,000 population.	Under 1 year of age		All Ages	
				Total	Rate per 1,000 Births	Total	Rates per 1,000 pop- ulat- ion.
1946	38,300	680	17.7	24	35.0	412	10.7
1947	38,860	729	16.4	27	37.0	416	10.7
1948	39,570	631	15.9	24	38.0	430	10.8
1949	39,450	596	15.1	14	23.5	446	11.3
1950	39,600	541	13.7	13	24.0	486	11.6
1951	39,640	589	14.5	13	22.1	486	12.3
1952	39,660	557	14.0	13	23.3	443	11.2
1953	39,780	535	13.4	6	11.2	462	11.7
1954	40,070	550	13.7	15	27.3	445	11.2
1955	40,300	565	17.7	7	12.7	450	11.1

Medical Examinations for Superannuation Purposes.

During the year under review I have examined 29 members of the staff in connection with the superannuation scheme.

APPENDIX I - NATIONAL HEALTH ACTSERVICES AND SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CHESHIRE COUNTYCOUNCIL.A. Services provided in accordance with the requirements of the National Health Service Act, 1946.1. Hospital Services.

Controlling Body - Manchester Regional Hospital Board.

Local Hospitals - Administered by North West and Mid Cheshire Hospital Management Committee.

Secretary - M. Owen, Administrative Offices, Altrincham Maternity Home, Sinderland Road, Altrincham.

Hospitals serving this area -

General Acute Cases - Altrincham General Hospital and Denzell (Convalescent).

General Chronic Cases - Cranford Lodge, Knutsford.

Maternity Hospitals - Altrincham Maternity Hospital, Sinderland Road, Southfields, Langham Road, Bowdon.

Ear, Nose & Throat - St. Anne's Home, Woodville Road, Altrincham.

Infectious Disease - Monsall Hospital, Newton Heath, Manchester.

Small Pox - Ainsworth Small Pox Hospital, Nr. Bury, Lancs.

A large number of cases from Altrincham are treated in the Manchester Hospitals.

II. General Practitioner and General Dental Services.

Controlling Body - National Health Service Executive Council for
Cheshire.

Clerk - Mr. F. Hayter, 28 Nicholas Street, Chester.

III. Services of Local Health Authority - Cheshire County Council.

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| 1. Ambulance Service, | } | Altrincham Divisional
Health Committee. |
| 2. Immunisation and Vaccination, | | |
| 3. Care and After Care, | | |
| 4. Home Help Service, | | |

5. Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics,

Mountlands, The Mount, Altrincham,

Hours opening -

Monday 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Wednesday 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Thornholme, Park Road, Timperley.
Altrincham.

Hours opening -

Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Tuesday, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Thursday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Thursday, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Immunisation clinics.

County Council
Health
Committee.

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| 6. Domiciliary Midwifery and District Nursing, | } |
| 7. Dental Service - Expectant and Nursing Mothers
and Pre-School Children, | |
| 8. Mental Health Service, | |
| Duly authorised Officer for Mental Health
Mr. Driver, 1 Claremont Road, Sale. | |

The Divisional Health Committee area covers Hale U.D.C., Bowdon U.D.C.,
Altrincham M.B., Knutsford U.D.C., and Bucklow R.D.C., and includes members of
these Authorities, members of the County Council and co-opted members.

Divisional Medical Officer - D. Longbottom, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.
Mountlands, The Mount, Altrincham.
(Altrincham 1733)

B. Other Services by other Committees of Cheshire County Council.

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| 1. Education Committee, | - School Health Service, including
School Dental Service. |
| 2. Welfare Committee, | - Old persons, - homeless, -
handicapped persons, - provision for
residential accommodation etc. |
| County Welfare Officer- Mr. Evans, Hough Green, Chester. | |
| 3. Children's Committee | - Provides for the care of deprived
children. |
| e.g. children not under parental
care. | |

Children's Officer for this area - Mr. Blades,
The Council Offices, Bexton Road, Knutsford.

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR
for the year, 1955.

Sanitary Department,
16 Market Street,
Altrincham.

The Chairman and Members of the
Public Health Committee.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report on the Sanitary Administration of the Borough for the year ended 31st December, 1955.

Water Supply.

The water is supplied to the district by the Manchester Corporation.

The Manchester Corporation Waterworks Department have themselves taken 183 samples of water, and the following report is submitted.

The Water Engineer states :-

"A small percentage of these samples contained faecal coli, but these were "scattered" throughout the year, and were mainly derived from "aftergrowths" in deposits in the mains due to disturbed conditions such as flushing etc.

The water supply has been maintained at a very satisfactory bacteriological quality throughout the year".

Public Swimming Baths.

Eight samples of water from the large and small baths were taken during the year and all the samples were found to be satisfactory.

Refuse Collection.

New Cleansing Depot.

Work was commenced during the year and still in progress at the end of the year.

Every effort has been made to maintain a weekly collection of refuse in the Borough, and except for short periods such as holidays and sickness, this has been done.

The following additional ashbins have been added to the number of ashbins emptied each week :-

Ashbins at New Corporation Properties,	88
" " New Private Dwelling houses,	83
" " Houses converted into Flats,	5
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Refuse Disposal.

The disposal of the refuse continues at the Sewage Disposal Farm, off Sinderland Road, Altrincham.

The refuse collection vehicles consist of :-

1 Bedford Tipping Waggon,	1954
2 "W" Type Fore and Aft Tipping S.D.Vehicles,	1953
2 S.D. Freighters,	1948
2 S.D. Freighters,	1946
1 Guy Vixant,	1942
1 S.D. Freightier,	1939
1 Leyland Waggon,	1932

The number of receptacles emptied during the year were as follows :-

Ashbins.

No. of houses from which ashbins have been emptied,	673,307
No. of ashbins emptied,	756,772
No. of loads removed,	6,653

Ashpits and Pails.

No. of houses relieved,	2,195
No. of wet ashpits emptied,	20
No. of pails emptied,	2,135
No. of dry ashpits emptied,	40

Loads of salvage removed 994.

Collection and Disposal of Salvage.

The amount of salvage collected and sold for the financial year 1st April, 1954 to 31st March, 1955, was as follows :-

	T.	c.	q.	£	s.	d.
Paper,	281	10	3	1,919	15	9
Ferrous Metal,	25	4	2	23	17	10
Non-Ferrous Metals,		9	1	24	2	9
Textiles,	9	5	1	135	13	0
Bottles and Jars,	32	0	0	64	0	0
Kitchen waste,	37	0	3	129	11	9
	385	10	2	2,297	1	1

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

The new scheme was not commenced at the end of the year.

Sanitary Inspections.

Water Supply,	7	Verminous Premises,	21
Drainage,	418	Atmospheric Pollution,	23
Stables and Piggeries,	29	Shops,	13
Movable Dwellings,	26	Schools,	3
Factories,	29	Refuse Receptacles,	1,220
Workshops,	8	Public Conveniences,	25
Houses inspected,	218	Pet Animals,	4
Refuse Collection,	24	Infectious Disease,	7
Refuse Disposal,	23	Miscellaneous Visits,	350
Rodent Control,	17	Miscellaneous Housing Visits,	62
Meetings Attended,	80	Public Mortuary,	7
Hackney Carriages,	3	Houses let in Lodgings,	7
Overcrowding,	2	Legal Proceedings,	1

Special attention has been given to Piggeries in the district, and repeated visits have been made, and in consequence improvements have been carried out.

Observations have been taken of the emission of smoke from factory chimneys in the district, and the Plant has been examined.

The Corporation are members of the Manchester and District Smoke Abatement Committee, and reports are received in regard to Atmospheric Pollution by Sulphur Dioxide taken from selected sites within the Borough.

Two of the schools within the district have been the subject of special reports in regard to defects and sanitary conditions, and the Authorities concerned have been informed.

Work commenced late in the year on the erection of a new Public Convenience at the corner of Park Road and Moss Lane, Timperley.

Inspections of Premises where Food is Prepared, Stored, or Sold.

Bakehouses,	22	Slaughterhouses,	555
Butchers Shops,	16	Grocers,	38
Fishmongers,	6	Dairies,	15
Ice Cream Premises,	33	Market Stalls,	68
Restaurants,	20	Street Vendors,	10
Miscellaneous Food Visits,	49	Food Preparation Premises,	11
Fried Fish Shops,	1	Licenced Premises,	4
Canteens,	4		
Greengrocers,	3		

Notices Served.

Notices Served.			Notices Complied With.			Notices Outstanding.		
Informal	Statutory	Total	Informal	Statutory	Total	Informal	Statutory	Total
232	20	252	191	19	210	41	1	42

Sanitary Improvements and Repairs Effected.

Roofs Repaired,	43
Floors Repaired,	11
Plastered Walls and Ceilings,	34
Windows,	23
Sashcords Renewed,	8
Firegrates Repaired or Renewed,	15
Chimneys of Chimney Stacks,	5
External Walls Pointed or Protected,	11
Eavesgutters or Rainwater Pipes,	52
Obstructed Drains Cleansed,	21
Obstructed Sewers Cleansed,	44
Drains Repaired,	14
New Water Closets Provided,	8
Miscellaneous,	22
Ashbins Provided,	1,090

Municipal Ashbin Scheme.

New Ashbins supplied since commencement of scheme,	5,059
Ashbins supplied to Corporation Property, included in above,	952

Ashbins supplied during 1955 = 1,064, including 200 to Council Properties.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949.

Measures of Control by Local Authority.	No. of Properties Inspected.	No. of Properties Treated by Local Authority.
Local Authority Properties,	30	20
Dwelling Houses,	240	92
Business Premises,	234	40
Agricultural Properties,	27	1

Town's Police Clauses Act, 1847.

Licence for Hackney Carriage	39
" " " " Drivers	33

Pet Animals Act, 1951.

Licences to keep a Pet Shop	5
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Cheshire County Council Act, 1953, (Section 144)

Registration of Hawkers of Food	6
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Cheshire County Council Act, 1953, (Section 148)

Registration of Hairdressers and Barbers	30
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Housing.

New houses erected for the Corporation,	88
New houses erected by private enterprise,	83
Conversion to flats (private enterprise) additional units,	5

Inspection of Dwelling Houses During the Year :-

(1) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts),	218
Number of inspections made for the purpose,	413

The Minister of Health does not now require details on housing matters to be included in this report, which relate to the demolition, closing and repair of houses under the Housing and Public Health Acts, as this information is now submitted quarterly direct to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

Housing Act, 1936 - Clearance Areas.

In June, 1955 the Council declared that the New Street Clearance Areas Nos. 1 and 2 be Clearance Areas in pursuance of Section 25 of the Housing Act, 1936, and that negotiations be entered into with the owners of the land and properties comprised in the areas for the acquisition of such properties by the Council, and failing agreement, the Council proceed by way of Compulsory Purchase Order.

Food.

Milk (Special Designation)(Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations
1949 to 1953.

Licences to retail milk in the area were as follows :-

Dealers' Licences	56
Supplementary Licences	10

Milk (Special Designation)(Raw Milk) Regulations 1949 to 1954

Dealers' Licences	12
Supplementary Licences	12
Distributors of Milk in the Borough =	68

I have for many years had in mind the question of distribution of milk in sterilised wax board containers. This method of distribution has the advantage of the container being used by one household only, and would do away with the fear of the contamination of glass receptacles by imperfect cleansing before redistribution. Allowing for the fact that modern machinery has made great strides in the cleansing of Plant and equipment, one has still to contend with the human element.

I feel that sterilised containers are not used to a greater extent because of financial reasons.

Ice Cream.
Registered Premises.

For manufacture of ice cream	5
For sale of ice cream	93

Samples taken during 1955.

Examined at the Public Health Laboratory.

<u>Milk.</u>	2 samples.	Satisfactory.
<u>Ice Cream.</u>		
Provisional Grade	1	6 Samples.
" "	2	1 "
" "	3	4 "
" "	4	6 "

It was ascertained that certain of the unsatisfactory samples were due to a breakdown in the Pasteurising Plant which has now been remedied. The ice cream was manufactured outside this district.

Synthetic Cream. 6 Samples.

The first four samples were not satisfactory, and a fault in the equipment was traced and put right. The last two samples were of an excellent grade and bacteriological standard.

Meat Pie.

A complaint regarding the condition of a meat pie was investigated and the pie was sent to the laboratory for examination and was found to be satisfactory

Summary of Foodstuffs Surrendered, 1955.

Tins.

Tomatoes,	148	Veal,	7
Fruit,	684	Celery,	7
Fruit Juice,	14	Spaghetti,	4
Fish (Various),	45	Peas,	82
Steak,	34	Beans,	45
Beef Loaf,	7	Carrots,	10
Ham,	8	Evaporated Milk,	105
Tongue,	16	Condensed Milk,	96
Pork Luncheon Meat,	42	Cream,	7
Luncheon Meat,	70	Milk Puddings,	8
Chicken,	3	Miscellaneous,	2
Corned Beef,	32	Soups,	33
Tomato Paste,	2	Strained Foods,	23
Jam,	3	Syrup,	3

Jars and Bottles.

Fruit,	2	Fish Cutlets,	7 lbs.
Jam,	5	Smoked Haddock,	28 lbs.
Beetroot,	1	Sponge Rolls,	45 lbs.
Cheese,	102 lbs.	Pastry Mix,	10 packets.
Processed Cheese,	11 packets.	Cream Cake,	8 slabs.
Cream Cheese,	2 packets.	Ham,	24 ³ / ₄ lbs.
Cheese Trimmings,	96 lbs.	Sausage,	13 ¹ / ₂ lbs.
Dried Fruit,	6 lbs.	Pigs' Heads,	82 lbs.
Raisins,	26 lbs.	Bacon,	28 ³ / ₄ lbs.
Dried Prunes,	8 lbs.		
Flour,	37 lbs.		

In addition to the examination of foodstuffs surrendered during the year, investigations were made in many cases after receipt of complaints, and satisfactory results were obtained.

The new Food Hygiene Regulations will come into force in 1956. These Regulations will give Local Authorities wider powers to deal with persons and premises where the handling and distribution of food takes place.

Meat Inspection at Slaughterhouses.

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	852	1085	637	4391	1653	-
Number inspected	852	1085	637	4391	1653	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis & Cysticerci</u>						
Whole carcases condemned	-	4	4	2	4	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	124	185	3	33	43	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	14.5	17.4	1.09	0.79	2.8	-
<u>Tuberculosis only:</u>						
Whole carcases condemned	1	22	-	-	2	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	115	267	-	-	33	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	13.6	26.6	-	-	2.11	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	7	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	1	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

Organs Unfit.

	Bovines.		Calves.		Sheep.		Pigs.	
	T.B.	Other Dis.	T.B.	Other Dis.	T.B.	Other Dis.	T.B.	Other Dis.
Heads,	139	11	-	1	-	1	34	3
Plucks,	362	26	-	3	-	6	22	27
Hearts,	45	15	-	2	-	6	22	42
Skirts,	54	8	-	2	-	1	-	-
Livers & Part Livers,	90	306	-	3	-	30	15	21
Spleen,	48	11	-	3	-	5	3	5
Tripe,	44	5	-	2	-	1	1	2
Intestines,	44	4	-	2	-	1	1	3
Udders,	46	21	-	-	-	-	-	10
Kidneys,	78	47	-	-	-	2	-	9
Tails,	23	5	-	-	-	-	-	-

Summary of Meat Unfit at Slaughterhouses during 1955.

	Bovines.			Sheep			Pigs.		
	Tons. cwt. qrs.			Tons. cwt. qrs.			Tons. cwt. qrs.		
Weight of meat Condemned (Portions and whole Carcasses only).	7	9	0	1	1		9	3	
	Carcasses and Organs.	Portions of Carcasses.		Carcasses and Organs.	Portions of Carcasses.		Carcasses and Organs.	Portions of Carcasses.	
Tuberculosis,	23	43		-	-		2	1	
Abscess,	-	2		-	-		-	1	
Bruising,	-	2		2	3		-	-	
Cysts,	-	-		-	1		-	-	
Dropsy,	3	-		-	-		-	-	
Fever,	2	1		-	-		1	-	
Injury,	-	5		1	1		-	3	
Mastitis,	-	-		-	-		-	1	
Peritonitis,	-	5		-	-		-	-	
Pleurisy,	-	1		-	-		-	-	
Septicaemia,	1	1		-	-		2	-	
Sour Condition,	-	-		-	-		1	-	
Jaundice,	1	-		-	-		-	-	

The Council decided that in addition to fees for slaughter of animals, a lairage fee should be paid for any animal kept overnight.

In addition to the Public Slaughterhouse, there is one **Licensed** Slaughterhouse in the district.

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933 to 1954.

Licences issued

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As you know, Mr. J. E. Crickmore retired from the position of Chief Sanitary Inspector at the end of March, 1955, and I would like to place on record my appreciation of the kindness he has always shown to me during our many years of service together. My thanks are also due to the staff in the department for their loyalty and co-operation at all times.

Yours obediently,

KENNETH ASHLEY,

Chief Sanitary Inspector.

Factories Acts 1937 & 1948.

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1. INSPECTIONS.

Premises (1)	M/c line No. (2)	Number on Register (3)	Number of			M/c line No. (7)
			Inspec- tions. (4)	Written notices (5)	Occupiers prosecuted (6)	
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	1	12	1	-	-	1
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	2	213	26	6	-	2
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	3	1	3	4	-	3
TOTAL		226	30	10	-	

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars (1)	M/c line No. (2)	No. of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which prosecu- tions were institu- ted. (7)	M/c line No. (8)
		Found (3)	Remedied (4)	To H.M. Inspe- tor (5)	Referred By H.M. Inspe- tor (6)		
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)							
(a) Insufficient ...	9	2	1		1		9
(b) Unsuitable or defective... ..	10	4	4		3		10
TOTAL		6	5		4		

3. OUTWORK.

Nature of Work	M/c line No.	Section 110			Section 111			M/c line No.
		No. of out- workers in Aug. list required by Sect. 110(1) (c)	No. of cases of default in send- ing lists to the Council	No. of pros- ecut- ions for failure to supply lists	No. of inst- ances of work in un- whole- some premis- es.	Notices served	Prose- cutions	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
Wearing apparel } Making, etc. ...	13	10						13
	14							14
TOTAL ...		10						

